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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - PAN AM SCHEDULE PATTERN

SUMMARY: PAN AM APPEARS TO BE CONTEMPLATING MAJOR RTW  
SCHEDULE REVISIONS OCTOBER 1, 1973.

1. RCAA UNDERSTANDS PAN AM, NEW YORK, TENTATIVELY PLAN-  
NING SUBSTANTIVE REVISION PATTERN SERVICES (EFFECTIVE  
OCTOBER 1) TO AND THROUGH BEIRUT, MIDDLE EAST AND RTW.  
EXISTING PATTERN INCLUDING ELEVEN WEEKLY EASTBOUND SERVICES  
AND ELEVEN WEEKLY WESTBOUND SERVICES THROUGH BEIRUT OF WHICH  
SEVEN, IN EACH DIRECTION ARE BOEING 747 RTW SERVICES  
ROUTED THROUGH ISTANBUL, FRANKFURT AND LONDON TO AND FROM  
NEW YORK AND FOUR, IN EACH DIRECTION, ARE BOEING 707-320B  
TURNAROUND (THREE AT TEHRAN, ONE AT DAMASCUS) SERVICES  
THROUGH PARIS AND ROME TO AND FROM NEW YORK.

2. ACCORDING INFORMED SOURCES HERE, PAN AM'S HEAD-  
QUARTERS' SCHEDULING STAFF TENTATIVELY CONTEMPLATING  
ELIMINATING BOEING 747 FROM ANY RTW SERVICES EAST OF  
LONDON, FRANKFURT AND ROME, WITH CHANGE-OF-GAUGE AT THOSE  
POINTS TO 707-320B'S. PROPOSED PLAN APPEARS TO STEP UP  
SERVICES THROUGH BEIRUT TO FOURTEEN 707-320B EASTBOUND  
AND FOURTEEN 707-320 B WESTBOUND WEEKLY, ALL ROUND-THE-  
WORLD. ROUTING THROUGH BEIRUT (TO AND FROM NEW YORK) WOULD  
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BE AS FOLLOWS: FOURT RTW ROUND TRIPS WEEKLY BEIRUT-LONDON-

NEW YORK; THREE RTW ROUND TRIPS WEEKLY BEIRUT-ROME-NEW YORK;  
THREE RTW ROUND TRIPS WEEKLY BEIRUT-ISTANBUL-FRANKFURT-  
NEW YORK; FOUR RTW ROUNDS TRIPS WEEKLY BEIRUT-ISTANBUL-  
ROME-NEW YORK. SPECIFIC INFORMATION ON RTW ROUTING NOT  
TRANSITING BEIRUT APPEARS TO BE AS FOLLOWS: THREE ROUNDTRIP  
707-320B SERVICES WEEKLY TEHRAN-ANKARA-ISTANBUL-LONDON-  
NEW YORK; TWO ROUNDTRIP 707-320B SERVICES WEEKLY NEW DELHI-  
ISTANBUL-FRANKFURT-NEW YORK.

3. ABOVE PATTERN, IF FIRMED, COULD CAUSE CONCERN TO MEA  
WHICH CURRENTLY OPERATES TEN PEAK-SEASON NONSTOP 707-320B  
ROUNDTRIP SERVICES WEEKLY BEIRUT-LONDON. RCAA WOULD AP-  
PRECiate ANY FUTHER DETAILS DEPARTMENT MAY OFFER ON WHAT  
APPEARS TO BE PROBABLE SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE PAN AM SCHEDULES THROUGH  
BEIRUT AND MIDDLE EAST AND POSSIBILITY THIS MAY REQUIRE  
PRESCREENING BY USG UNDER PROVISIONS OF 1072 MEMORANDUM  
OF CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN US AND GOL CIVIL AIR DELEGATIONS.

4. INDICATIONS HERE SENIOR PAN AM STAFF, MIDDLE EAST,  
RECOMMENDING THAT BOEING 747 BE CONTINUED IN SERVICES THROUGH  
BEIRUT FOR MARKET-APPEAL AND CORPORATE-IMAGE REASONS.  
RATIONALE OF PAN AM HEADQUARTERS STAFF FOR 747 DELETION APPEARS  
TO BE SCHEDULE RELIABILITY PROBLEMS WITH EAST-BOUND 747 SERVICES  
AVERAGING ABOUT TWO HOURS DELAY IN ARRIVALS BEIRUT. WEST-  
BOUND 747 SERVICES ARRIVING BEIRUT FROM CALIFORNIA AND JAPAN  
HAVE BEEN PUNCTUAL. PAN AM SOURCES HERE POINT OUT THAT  
MOST DELAYS ARE DUE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL AND AIRPORT CON-  
GESTION PROBLEM NEW YORK, JFK, LONDON AND FRANKFURT WHICH  
WOULD APPLY TO 707-320B AS WELL AS 747 OPERATIONS.  
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